# 22nd Annual Great Lakes Region Airport Conference



# CHICAGO '06

November 14-16, 2006



## **Customer Service at its Best**

I am excited about this year's conference – our 22nd! Our goal has always been one of customer service. But this year we are rededicating ourselves to providing airport sponsors with useful and timely information, program guidance, and tools to make our

mission as seamless as possible. Our annual conference is the perfect vehicle for this, and a great value too.

We've made several changes to this year's event. Due to the overwhelming demand for the pre-conference workshops, we have added a third offering. Workshops will be given on: 1) Quality Assurance/Quality Control of Pavement Projects; 2) Pyrotechnics and Wildlife Hazard Management; and 3) Updated and Improved Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Submissions. With only a limited number of seats, please register early.

Having many of our employees in the same place can be advantageous for you. This year, representatives from our Great Lakes Region Airports District Offices (ADO) will be available to meet with airport sponsors and consultants. Space in the Convention Center is available to facilitate discussions among our

staff and sponsors that desire face-to-face interaction with their FAA Program Manager. We invite you to schedule an appointment with your respective ADO as early as possible.

We have also rearranged the second day's schedule to allow for longer sessions on key topics. These sessions will provide a forum for more in-depth panel discussions, and allow participants more time to exchange their ideas and experiences.

We anticipate almost 50 exhibitors highlighting current airport technologies and services. Once again, I urge you to take advantage of the opportunities that await you at this, our 22nd annual event. Our conference is only as successful as you, the participants, make it.

Our dedicated Airports Division team continues to create an excellent conference and workshop environment, filled with information needed by our customers in the Great Lakes Region. We look forward to having you join us this year!

Jeri Alles Manager, Airports Division

### **General Information**

The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center and Sofitel Chicago O'Hare Hotel are conveniently located within a few miles of Chicago O'Hare International Airport. The hotel and convention center are connected with a pedestrian sky bridge.

We will provide a certificate of attendance for those interested in attending the conference to acquire Professional Development Hours (PDH).

Advance registration is essential for effective receive conference planning. To conference hotel rate of \$189 per night (or GSA per diem rate for Federal Employees), vacancies permitting. Please make your reservation prior to October 19, 2006 with the Sofitel Chicago O'Hare Hotel at (847) 678-4488. Please complete and return the attached conference registration form prior to November 1, 2006. [If paying the conference fee via credit card, the Credit Card Authorization form along with a copy of the front and back of your credit card, must accompany the Conference Registration Form.] The registration fee covers the program supplies, Tuesday and Wednesday evening receptions, Wednesday and Thursday lunches,

and light refreshments during the course of the conference. A variety of dinner options are available in the Rosemont area. A list of restaurants will be provided at registration. Registrants are responsible for all other meals and all lodging costs. The registration fee may be paid by check (payable to the Sofitel Chicago O'Hare) or credit card (VISA, Master Card, American Express or Diners Club) and mailed or faxed to the FAA Great Lakes Region.

#### Cancellation

In order to receive a refund of the registration fee, you must notify the FAA Great Lakes Region in writing prior to November 1, 2006 to cancel your conference registration. Requests after October 31, 2006 will not be honored, and the participant or sponsoring organization will be responsible for the fee. Substitutions are allowed at any time.

#### **Exhibits**

We are inviting exhibitors from a wide variety of interest areas. Exhibits will be open on Wednesday and Thursday during conference hours. Please contact Michelle Lykken at (847) 294-8314 for additional details if you are interested in exhibiting.

## Conference at a Glance

# Pre-conference Technical Workshops

Tuesday, November 14

Three technical workshops are available this year for those who arrive early and want to earn additional professional development hours. The courses will be held concurrently on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Sofitel Chicago O'Hare Hotel. The cost is \$125. Capacity of each workshop is limited to 30 people, so please register early.

**Quality Control/Quality Assurance Workshop** for P-401 Bituminous and P-501 Concrete Pavement Workshop will provide an in-depth understanding of mix design procedures, proper production and placement for airfield pavements. Airport pavements produced with proper consistency and construction technique in the field can and will outlast pavements that do not follow or are missing these procedures. This workshop is targeted for the design and inspection workforce. Mr. Christopher S. Decker, P.E. of Roy D. McQueen & Associates, Ltd. will lead this workshop.

**Pyrotechnics and Wildlife Hazard Management** Workshop will provide the latest information and hands on training in wildlife control techniques, to include use of pyrotechnics, trapping, and lethal methods. This workshop

will also cover overall wildlife management responsibilities. The participants will have the opportunity to gain hands-on training, and have a field trip to O'Hare International Airport to observe wildlife control techniques being implemented. Mr. John Ostrom, at Minneapolis Manager Operations International Airport (MSP), is scheduled to present this in-depth program on wildlife control techniques and management.

**Updated Capital Improvement Planning** (CIP) Process for the Great Lakes Region Workshop will focus on important changes in the Great Lakes Region's CIP process, which will take effect in the FY-2007 ACIP cycle. Significant changes in how states, individual airport sponsors, and consultants will need to address airport system, financial, and master planning, environmental review, and grant administration will be discussed. Also on the agenda is an in-depth discussion on new criteria that will affect how FAA considers and awards grants using Entitlement and Discretionary funding. The Great Lakes Region Planning/Programming staff will be leading this workshop.

# Planned Conference Agenda

#### **Tuesday, November 14**

4:00 - 7:00 pm Early conference registration/reception

#### Wednesday, November 15

7:00 am Registration

8:45 am Conference Welcome/Opening Remarks Jeri Alles, Manager, Airports Division Chris Blum, Regional Administrator,

**Great Lakes Region** 

9:30 am Certification/Operations - Construction Checklist Planning/Programming - EPA Update Engineering - Airport Lighting Technology Compliance/Land Use - Noise Land Disposal Runway Safety - Airport Ops Best Practices

10:30 am Break

11:00 am Certification/Operations - Part 139

**Personnel Training** 

Planning/Programming - New CIP Process **Engineering** – Case Study: Atlanta Hartsfield Airport Project

Compliance/Land Use - Compliance and

Revenue Issues

Runway Safety - Airport Situational Awareness

Speaker – Ms. Catherine Lang, Acting FAA Associate Administrator for Airports (invited)

1:30 pm Certification/Operations - ARFF Vehicle

Maintenance

Planning/Programming - National AIP

Program Update

Engineering - Alkali Silica Reactivity Compliance/Land Use - DBE Program Update **Runway Safety** – Vehicle Deviation Forensics

2:30 pm

Certification/Operations - Self Inspections 3:00 pm Planning/Programming - ALP Checklist Review

Engineering - LPV Approaches

Compliance/Land Use - Airport Pavement

Rejuvenators

Runway Safety - Driver Training Programs

4:30 - 6:00 pm Reception/Social

#### **Thursday, November 16**

Certification/Operations - Declared Distances 8:00 am Planning/Programming - Roundtable

discussion on Demand Forecasting Engineering - Airport Pavement Design Compliance/Land Use – Survey Requirements

for GIS

9:45 am Break

10:15 am Certification/Operations - Safe and

Efficient Airport

**Planning/Programming** – Environmental

Relationships

Engineering – Airport Design AC

Compliance/Land Use - Wind Farms

and Obstructions

12:00 pm Lunch/Closing Remarks

# 22nd Annual Airport Conference Registration Form

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